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SUBJ: RECENT APPOINTMENT OF FERNANDO GABRIELGOMEZ FYNS AS  
URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA

1. GOMEZ GYNS WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA FOLLOWING A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF STUDY AND PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE RECEIVED CERTIFICATION AS A NOTARY AND ESCRIBANO (SOLICITOR) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ASUNCION (PARAGUAY) IN 1961 AND RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE IN LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE REPUBLIC (URUGUAY) IN 1965. HE ALSO STUDIED LAW IN THE UNITED STATES (AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI IN 1964), AT THE HAGUE, THE SORBONNE AND IN BUENOS AIRES. HE HAS TAUGHT BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW SINCE 1969 AND IS THE AUTHOR OF MANY ARTICLES AND TWO BOOKS: "ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT" AND THE "SUCCESSION OF STATES IN THE NATURE OF TREATIES".

2. GOMEZ GYNS WAS APPOINTED TO THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE IA-ECOSOC IN 1961. FROM 1968 TO 1971 HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION AND LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. IN 1971 HE WAS NAMED LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IN 1974 SERVED AS A REGIONAL MEMBER FOR LATIN AMERICA ATTACHED TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER IN BUENOS AIRES AND PERU (LIMA).  
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IN 1975 HE WAS NAMED SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES AND AS SUCH REPRESENTED URUGUAY IN MANY INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. THIS YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, HE REPRESENTED URUGUAY AT THE UN CONFERENCE ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM IN GENEVA AND THE UN CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN NEW YORK.

3. HE IS MARRIED TO CARMEN MARIA BERNARDEZ AND HAS ONE DAUGHTER. IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE SPANISH, HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SOME ITALIAN.

4. COMMENT: GOMEZ FYN CAN BE EXPECTED TO ACT WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM, EXPERIENCE AND ERUDITION, WITHOUT MAKING WAVES. HIS RELATIONS WITH THIS EMBASSY HAVE BEEN CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE.  
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